

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A coupling device for ~~the~~ sealed coupling of a first pipe section and a second pipe section~~[[s]]~~ of a cleaning disinfecting and drying plant that ~~which~~ are movable one relative to the other, the coupling device comprising:

a first flange fastened to an end of the first pipe section;

a second flange fastened to an end of the second pipe section so as ~~and at the ends of~~ which respective flanges (1, 2) are fastened ~~which are to be mutually sealed~~ with the first flange, the second flange including an ~~in that the end face of the second flange (2) which is directed~~ toward facing the first flange (1), the end face having an annular groove (4) being configured, the second flange further including at least one duct leading to the annular groove and being operable to provide a compressed air and an underpressure to the annular groove; and

in which a sealing element (3) is disposed within the annular groove, and the sealing element being a sealing ring made of an elastic material, the sealing ring being operable to be pressed the annular groove (4) being able to be subjected to pressure so as to press the sealing element (3) against the end face of the first flange when the compressed air is provided to the annular groove through the at least one duct, and the sealing ring being operable to be sucked into the annular groove when the underpressure is provided to the annular groove through the at least one duct characterized in that the sealing element is a sealing ring (3) made of elastic material.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The coupling device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing ring (3) has a circular cross section.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The coupling device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims,~~
~~wherein~~ ~~characterized in that~~ the coupling device is disposed in ~~[[a]]~~ the cleaning, disinfection
disinfecting and drying plant so as to couple ~~the connection of~~ a receiving trolley and ~~of a booth-~~
~~feed facility of~~ a washing chamber, ~~for the connection of spray heads and nozzles in the~~
~~receiving trolley,~~ the first pipe section and its first ~~being fastened by the~~ flange (1) being fastened
to the receiving trolley, ~~which can be push into the washing chamber of the plant,~~ and while the
second pipe section with its second flange being is fastened to ~~in~~ the washing chamber ~~by the~~
second flange (2).